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“Viva Las Vegas!”

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As you read this newsletter, I hope the fall has been great for all of you and time has not slipped by you as it has for me! I thought I was being so smart by placing the deadline for Ag & I articles on the last day of October. The week after that, I figured articles would trickle in and I would be working on the Ag and I newsletter. As predicted, articles continued to trickle in and no problem, this will be done in no time! Pretty soon it is the second weekend of deer gun season, I am still in mourning over the thought that my wife has shot a larger buck and doe than me, and now I am in great panic trying to put the Ag & I together! Before we know it, a number of members will be “Leaving on a Jet Plane” for Las Vegas.

In December, “Viva Las Vegas” will translate to “Investing in the Future”. For me, this will be my first NAAE convention, and what a place for the convention to be held! As the old saying goes, “What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas.” Well, for some of us attending the convention this may need to be the case (just kidding); on the other hand we always need some great blooper of the year award nominees! However, instead of following the old adage, I am sending a challenge to all members to travel to Vegas with a new saying. “What Happens in Vegas Will Be Invested in the Future in my Classroom, Program, Curriculum, or NDAAE Association.” I have made it a goal of mine to overturn the old Vegas slogan and come away with a new concept or idea from a workshop, meeting, or another ACTE/NAAE member and incorporate it into my work. So I pass the same goal onto you, travel to Vegas and make it a mission to find something new to improve your classroom, curriculum, or a benefit for the NDAAE association!

Enjoy the upcoming Holidays, thanks for electing me as your President-Elect, and before we know it, time will have slipped by, and we will all be gathering in Bismarck for the PDC in August. Have a great rest of the year! “Viva Las Vegas!”



“The Race” by JoDee Free NDAAE President

Now the race is on and here comes I wonder just how many of you are finishing the chorus to that very popular Sawyer Brown Song—I would venture to say at least half! Instead of finishing them with the actual words lets finish it with our own words. What is coming up the backstretch on your racetrack or maybe has already lapped you and is slowing you down? At this time of the year in which I get the “9 week blues” I feel like my own race track has too many horses (cars or dogs whatever your fancy is) on it and some just need to break a leg and be done!

But on the Race Track of the NDAAE we have just completed turn #1 at the Fall Executive meeting and are coming down the backstretch strong with exciting new awards and in-service opportunities being discussed, we are looking forward to a great learning experience and productive meetings at the National NAAE Convention in the beautiful city of Las Vegas, a ‘multitude’ of award applications to judge this spring and the finish line at next summers PDC to celebrate all our accomplishments in Adult Farm Management, Post-Secondary, and Secondary Agricultural Education.

The details of the fall executive meeting can be found in our great secretaries minutes but there are just a few things I would like to touch on. First we developed a “District Vice-Presidents Duty List.” So often we get the question of ‘what does the V-P of the district do?’ Well we now have a started duty list and will be giving out an award to 1 of the 4 outgoing Vice-Presidents each year. Second we will be going into our 2nd year of the NDAAE Intern Position. Applications will be going out in January and we hope to find another worthy intern to help our organization this summer. If you know of any former students who would be looking for an intern position this summer please encourage them to fill out the application.

I encourage anyone looking for a break from ND, some great workshops, and inspirations speakers to consider attending the NAAE Convention. It is December 11-15 in Las Vegas. Registration information and an agenda can be found at naae.org.

Members attending the NAAE Convention in Las Vegas, please e-mail NDAAE President JoDee Free at Jodee.R.Free@sendit.nodak.edu

JoDee is developing a list of members attending the NAAE Convention

Summer Ag Ed In-service: A Huge Success by Dr. Brent Young

Twenty-two North Dakota Ag Educators up graded their skills, shared their knowledge, and enjoyed the fellowship of their colleagues in beautiful Beulah this summer. The annual Ag Ed Summer In-service resumed in early July after a two year absence.

Workshop topics were determined by the participants themselves and included using GPS in the classroom, developing outstanding POAs, using computerized recordkeeping systems, placement SAEs, teaching ag mechanics, and ended with the construction of a 6' x 8' storage shed. Ag Ed Teachers participating in the In-service consisted of a good mix of early career and veteran teachers. Many early career teacher were able to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge shared by the teaching veterans, while the more seasoned teachers enjoyed the enthusiasm of their younger colleagues.

The week wasn't all business as the numerous breaks and evenings allowed for many opportunities for rest and relaxation. One highlight of the week was an evening steak fry held at the lake. A special thanks goes out to Tim Aichele and Keith Bohn for serving as outstanding hosts during the week.

Plans are already in the works for this summers education and fellowship opportunity. After many conversations with several Ag Ed Teachers from across the state it has been decided to rotate between an in-service type program and a travel seminar. The summer of 2008 will see an agribusiness travel seminar to be tentatively held in the Red River Valley. Details of this travel seminar will follow on the listserv and in this newsletter.

Reversing the Role— Teachers as Students...



NDSU Happenings by Dr. Brent Young

The fall 2007 semester started with an explosion of activity as the Agricultural Education Program welcomed 24 new and returning students. Five freshman students are among the ranks of the Ag Ed family which is unusually high for a program that is predominately made up of transfer students. A recent presentation in the AGRI 150 Agricultural Orientation class about Agriculture and Extension Education at NDSU was received by more than 100 freshman students and should result in additional interest in the major.

The NDSU Collegiate FFA (CFFA) Chapter is enjoying the fruits of its reorganization efforts last spring with a doubling of its membership. To date 35 NDSU students have joined CFFA and at the last meeting a very comprehensive Program of Activities was adopted. Several students assisted with area leadership conferences. Plans are already underway for CDE contest in conjunction with the 2008 "Little I".

Several Ag Ed students have been making an impact on the NDSU Campus this fall. Ashley Vangsness from Kindred was selected as a finalist for Homecoming Queen. Our very own Riston Zielke from Wishek was crowned Homecoming King and presided with dignity over the parade and football game. John Miller from Hazen has contributed to the success of the Bison football team by serving as one of the team's video camera men.



Congratulations to Amanda & Glen!





Doug Vannurden can name about 25 or so in this photo. How many can you find? Can you find the following?
 Charley Challey, Curt Jensen, Winston Dolve, Shubel Owen, Richard Debertin, Jim Naves, Quent Christman,
 Ernie D'Alton, Nick Zahara, Ron Willardson, Leo Vossler, Herman Larson, Frank Schander, Ron Klein, Al-
 len Dockter, Eric Arntson, Howard Pearson, Marlow Nelson, Roger Halverson, Jay Olson, Norris Fagerland,
 Richard Schroeder, Norbert Mayer, John Nowatski, Leonard Larshus and Steve Metzger

A meeting of the minds at PDC.....



2007 NDAAE Years of Service Awards

5 Years of Service



Sponsor Mark Watne NDFU, Amanda Huettl, Kim Murphy, & Missy Hansen

15 Years of Service



Gary Martens, Lance Van Berkom

25 Years of Service—Gold Watch Recipients



Gerald Wettlaufer, Allen Giese, & Wes Pepple

Dedication...

Commitment...

Excellence...

30 Years of Service



Sponsor Curtis Abfalter CHS, Dennis Dosch, Dale Hruby, Richard Sabol, & Tom Hanson

*Thanks for
your years of
service to
Agriculture
Education!*

2007 NDAAE Awards Continued...

My Creed Recipients



Back: Marcus Lawton, Brandon Quam, Heidi Reiter, Joe Reum, Bill Zing
Front: Brian Merce, Billy Jo Brause, Rocky Brown

Teacher of Teachers



Sponsor Mark Watne NDFU, Shawn Fering, Glen Huettl, Rick Vannett, Gary Martins, & Scott Thiel

CHS Foundation Scholarship



Sponsor Curtis Abfalter CHS, Jeremy Carkuff, Gerald Wettlaufer, Chad Vander Laan, Trevor Steeke, Scott Wisness, Scott Thiel

*Thank you CHS
Foundation for
your
continued support!*

2007 NDAAE Awards Continued...



Back: Levi Reese, Dodge Turn Key: Craig Kleven, Post Secondary Teacher of the Year
Tim Aichele, Secondary Teacher of the Year & Outstanding Teacher of Ag Education

Front: Dan Spellerberg, Dodge Turn Key
Amanda Huettl, Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program at Drake
Missy Hansen, Outstanding Young Member
Gerald Tuhy, Adult Teacher of the Year



Kevin Sedivec, Outstanding Cooperation Award
Beth Bakke Stenehjelm, Distinguished Service Award
Gerald Wettlaufer, Outstanding Teacher Service Citation

2007 NDAAE Awards Continued...



NDAAE Students in Ag Ed: NDAAE President Glen Huettl,
Andrew Dosch & Ron Johnson



Keith Bohn
completing warm up
exercises on his hands
before horseshoes.



The Blooper of the Year: "The Ankle Biter" Aaron Anderson
Congratulations Aaron!



President Huettl in Action!

Agriculture Courses Online

Flexible, Affordable, Transferable ~ With BSC Online, it's Doable!

By Bobbi Erhardt

The Agriculture, Technology, and Natural Resources (ATNR) program at Bismarck State College is now offering agriculture courses online. These courses appeal to a broad audience of people; from students still enrolled in high school, degree seeking students, and/or adults interested in continuing their education.

The current online offerings for spring and fall semesters include: Introduction to Soil Science and Lab (SOIL 210/L), World Food Crops and Lab (PLSC 110/L), Introduction to Animal Science and Lab (ARSC 114/Lab), and Introduction to Veterinary Science (VETS 101).

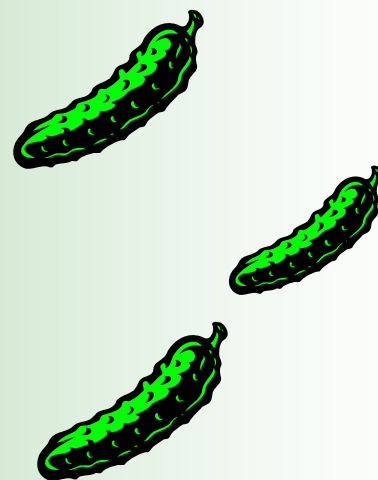
The ATNR program is considering additional online offerings and plan to expand their offerings in the fall of 2008.

Dual Credit: North Dakota high school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to enroll in postsecondary education courses and receive both high school and college credit. Students should discuss the process and requirements of dual credit enrollment with their high school counselor or principal in order to have the course approved by the superintendent for dual credit.

Early Entry: Students still attending high school may participate in college summer sessions, extended day classes, online classes and daytime classes if their high school schedules permit. Early Entry is for college credit only. No high school credit is given. The student must have a recommendation for concurrent enrollment from the high school principal. The student must have permission to attend college from parent or guardian.

Persons interested in learning more about BSC's online agriculture courses can contact Carmel Miller. 701-224-5557 or carmel.miller@bsc.nodak.edu

Some advisors who were real pickle heads on the way to National FFA Convention!



Blue Jackets, Bright Futures

By: Beth Bakke Stenehjem

All you have to do is look around at an FFA event to realize how important it is to own an FFA jacket. But jackets cost money, and some students aren't able to come up with the funds to buy one. This led to a program of the ND FFA Foundation called Blue Jackets Bright Futures. This program collects donations from past members, individuals, and supporters of the FFA to provide students with FFA jackets that they can keep. A donation of \$53 will supply one student with a jacket. Last year, funds were raised to provide 75 FFA members with jackets. It is the goal of the ND FFA Foundation to supply 75 students again with jackets this year. **Please help by donating \$53 to the ND FFA Foundation so that a student will have that same pride of wearing the FFA jacket that you had as a student.**

Please call Beth at 701-224-8390 if you are interested or send a check to ND FFA Foundation, PO Box 6002, Bismarck, ND 58506 with a note indicating that the donation be used for the **Blue Jacket Bright Futures program.**



FFA Alumni Association Raffle

The ND FFA Alumni is holding a raffle with a grand prize of a 2007 Polaris 450 Sportsmen ATV. Other prizes include a 270 Savage Rifle, a 870 Remington Express Magnum Shotgun, gun case, and three \$100 cash prizes.

Tickets are \$15 and the drawing will be held Jan. 5. Please call Beth at 701-224-8390 for tickets or email her at bethbakke@btinet.net.



AgrowKnowledge Resource Technology Teams

By: Rick Parker, PhD, AgrowKnowledge Director

AgrowKnowledge, the National Center for Agriscience & Technology Education, for over six years has focused on this mission: to encourage and support improved technical education for community college students enrolled in agriculture, food, and natural resources (AFNR) programs. The AgrowKnowledge network includes community colleges, universities and secondary school partners; and is informed by a 12-member Industry Council, professional and trade organizations, and a 10-member National Visiting Committee (NVC). To advance its mission, the Center engages in activities developed and sustained by well established partnerships with industry and education representatives throughout the country. Among these activities are professional development workshops for secondary and postsecondary educators that demonstrate how new and emerging technologies may be creatively used in AFNR courses and curricula. The Center maintains a continually updated database of curriculum and planning resources and learning modules (www.agrowknow.org). AgrowKnowledge works with its educational and industry partners to encourage the development of “seamless linkages” in AFNR education along the secondary-postsecondary continuum, and fosters an improved understanding of the technical knowledge and quantitative skills often required for employment in AFNR industries.

As AgrowKnowledge positions to become a National Resource Center it will focus on resource development in four technical areas identified by partners as critical growth areas in agriculture, 2008-2012. Partners will align their colleges and organizations with work to be done in one of four Resource Technology Teams representing these critical growth areas: (1) Ag Environment, Natural Resources and Security; (2) Alternative Energy for Agriculture; (3) Agricultural Geospatial Technology; and (4) Agricultural Biotechnology. Teams are comprised of members from community colleges, universities, and industry

Each team has a chair/leader empowered with budget, goals and objectives. Current team leadership includes: Carmel Miller, Bismarck State College, ND, and Curt Yoose, Ridgewater College, MN as Geospatial Technology chairs; Bill Budke, Ventura College, CA as Ag Environment, Natural Resources and Security chair; Paul Cutting, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College and Paul Martin, Muscatine Community College; IA as Alternative Energy for Agriculture chairs; and Barry Pate, College of Southern Idaho as Agricultural Biotechnology chair.

Over the next six months some of the activities of the teams and team leaders include: identifying and planning workshops, meeting with the AgrowKnowledge Industry Council in Cedar Rapids; identifying curriculum needs and content experts; attending the Partner and National Visiting Committee Meeting in February and attending the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum in Washington, DC in February. Additionally, the teams will be involved in planning the 2008 annual conference.

AgrowKnowledge looks forward to the future. The involvement and success of the Resource Technology Teams will be critical to the mission of AgrowKnowledge, and to the success of partnerships in forming a sustained postsecondary organization that addresses the math, science, and technology skills of students in agriculture, food and natural resources.



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